



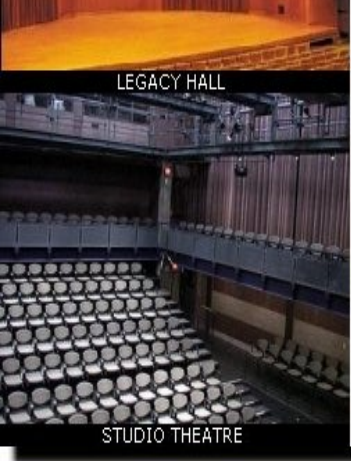
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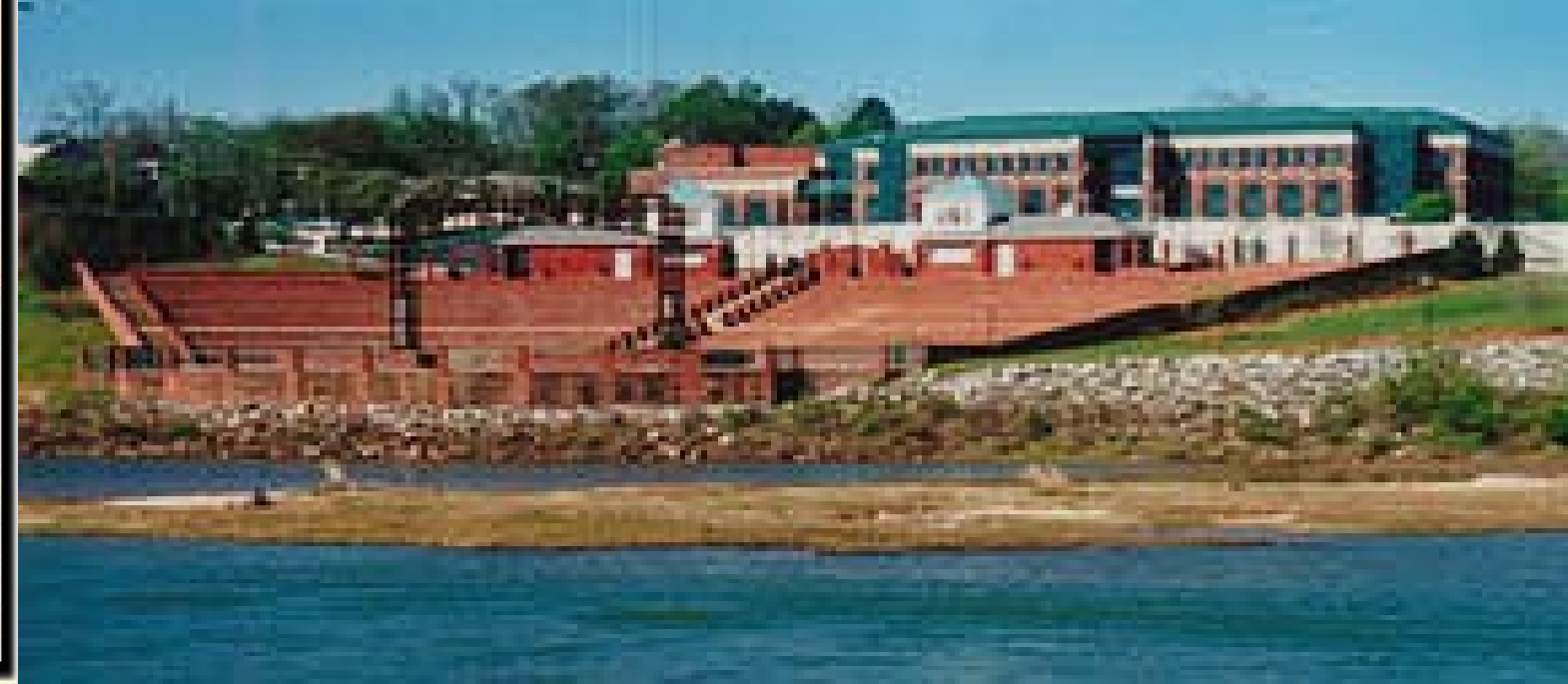
BILL HEARD THEATRE



LEGACY HALL



STUDIO THEATRE



The background is a collage of images from the Benning area in Columbus, Georgia. It includes a view of the Rivercenter, the Bill Heard Theatre, Legacy Hall, and the Studio Theatre. The main title is overlaid on this collage.

# “Grow Benning” Regional Challenge

for

## **Mission Sustainability Workshop**

by

## **Fort Benning Futures Partnership**

**May 10, 2005**



# Special Partnerships

- 1917 - The Columbus Community Recruits Fort Benning
- 1952 - Fort Benning and the adjoining counties form the Civilian Military Council
- Tri Community Riverwalk
- Fort Benning / Columbus Historic Preservation Partnership
- National Infantry Museum
- River Restoration
- Railyard Relocation

# Future of Fort Benning

- **Positive Growth is affected by:**
  - **Transformation - This Presentation** (6,000 soldiers)
    - 10 New Army Brigades (ie. 5<sup>th</sup> Bde, 25<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div)(Apr-Aug 06)
    - Other Unit Changes: Medical; Engineer; Ranger, etc.
    - School changes: IBCT, BOLC, OCS, Airborne, etc.
  - BRAC 2005 - Fall 2005 (est. 35+ Army bases to close)
    - Impact up to 40,000 soldiers; 20,000 civilian positions
    - Impact up to 30,000 airman; and civilian positions
  - Overseas Re-stationing back to U.S. - (To BRAC retained Bases)
    - European Forces (returning 55,000-70,000 troops, 100,000 family members, and civilian employees)
    - Pacific Forces: Korea and Japan (15,000+ current estimate)



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# Building Political Consensus

- Georgia – State Level (Ga MACC):
  - **Georgia Inter-departmental Task Force for Growth**
  - **Columbus/Muscogee Consolidated Gov't**
  - **Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Consolidated Gov't**
  - **Harris County Board of Commissioners**
  - **Marion County Board of Commissioners**
  - **Talbot County Board of Commissioners**
  - **Stewart County Board of Commissioners (April 2005)**
  - **Valley Partnership JDA, 6 County ED Dev Authority**
  - **Lower Chattahoochee & Flint RDC's**
- Alabama – State Level (AL DHS POC) and:
  - **Phenix City, City Council**
  - **Russell County Board of Commissioners & Planning Commission**
  - **Smiths Station Board of Commissioners in Lee County**
  - **Lee Russell Council of Governments**

# Mission Sustainability- Growth

## **Conduct a number of Studies - Crucial**

- Community Capacity – Wexford Group International (Community = regional context)
- Facilitate Mission Sustainability Initiatives and Study (FORSCOM Funded)
- Conduct Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)
- Support Army Funded Regional Simulation Model on Growth (R-Sim)
- Participate in and support the Bi-State Metropolitan Regions Initiative, Columbus-Phoenix City Region (Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia)



# POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

## **Military**

On Post – 10,625

Off Post – 20,395

GA – 75%

AL – 25%

Off post military is currently  
being  
analyzed by Ft. Benning

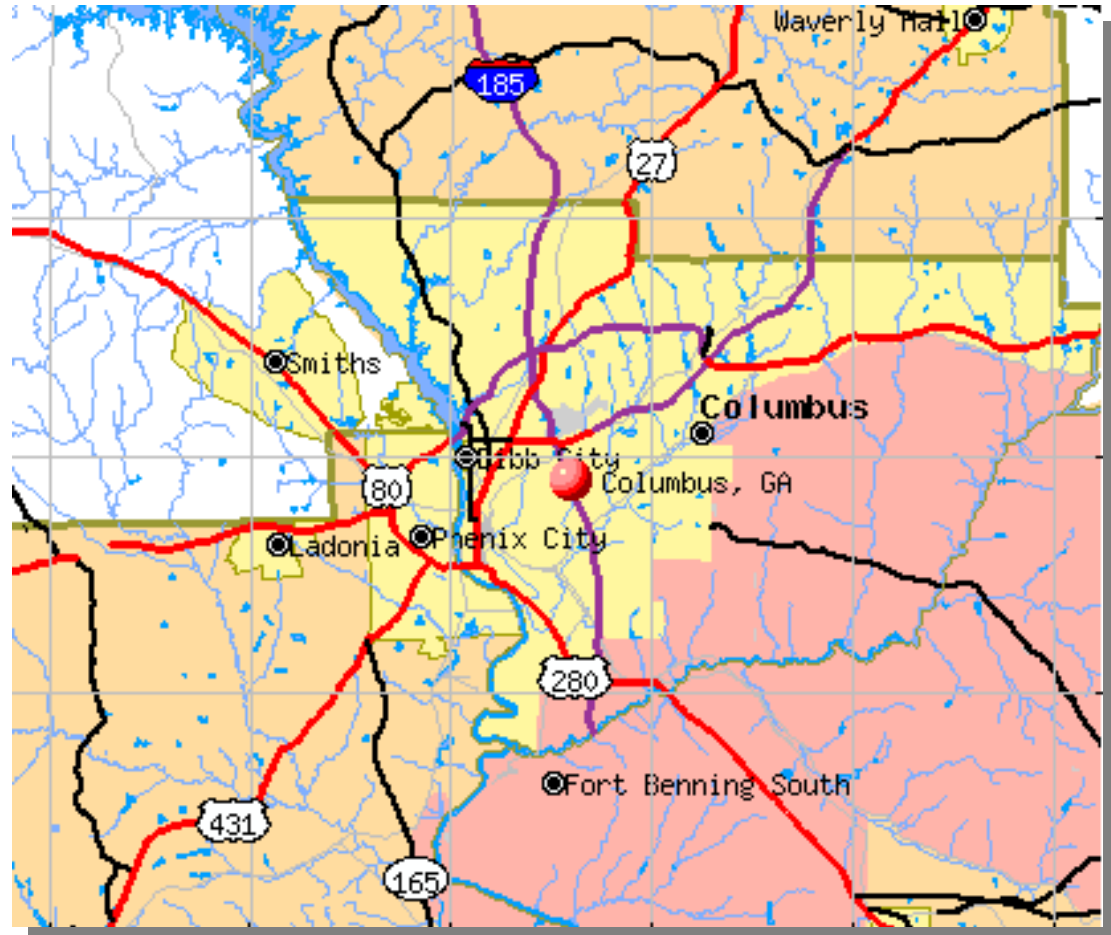
## **Civilians**

All Off Post – 6,712

GA – 78%

AL – 19%

Other – 3%

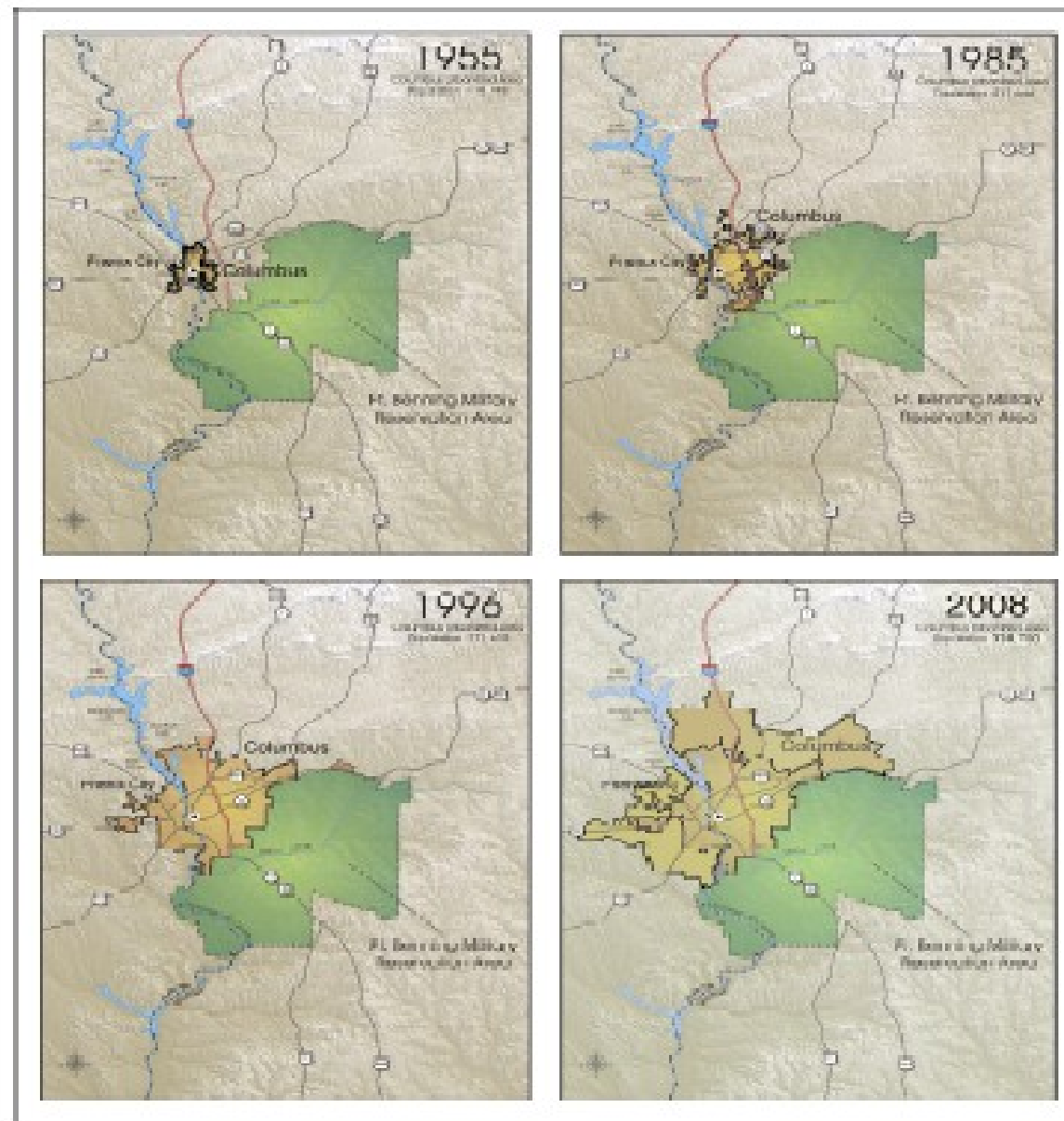


# **Mission Sustainability- Protect the Installations Missions from Regional Development**

- Growth Pattern depicted on next slide
- Objective - Protect Fort Benning from Encroachment
- Political Support; Member on Policy Committee; Consider Recommendations
- Conduct Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)
  - DOD and Fort Benning desire this JLUS
  - DOD pays 75%
  - FBFP will pay remaining 25%



Figure 1: Historical and Projected Urban Growth Near Fort Benning, Georgia



Source: Department of the Army (map); SAB (emphasis).

Note: (Top left to right) Urban growth near Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1955 and 1985. (Bottom left to right) Urban growth near Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1996 and projected for 2008.

# Joint Land Use Study Area

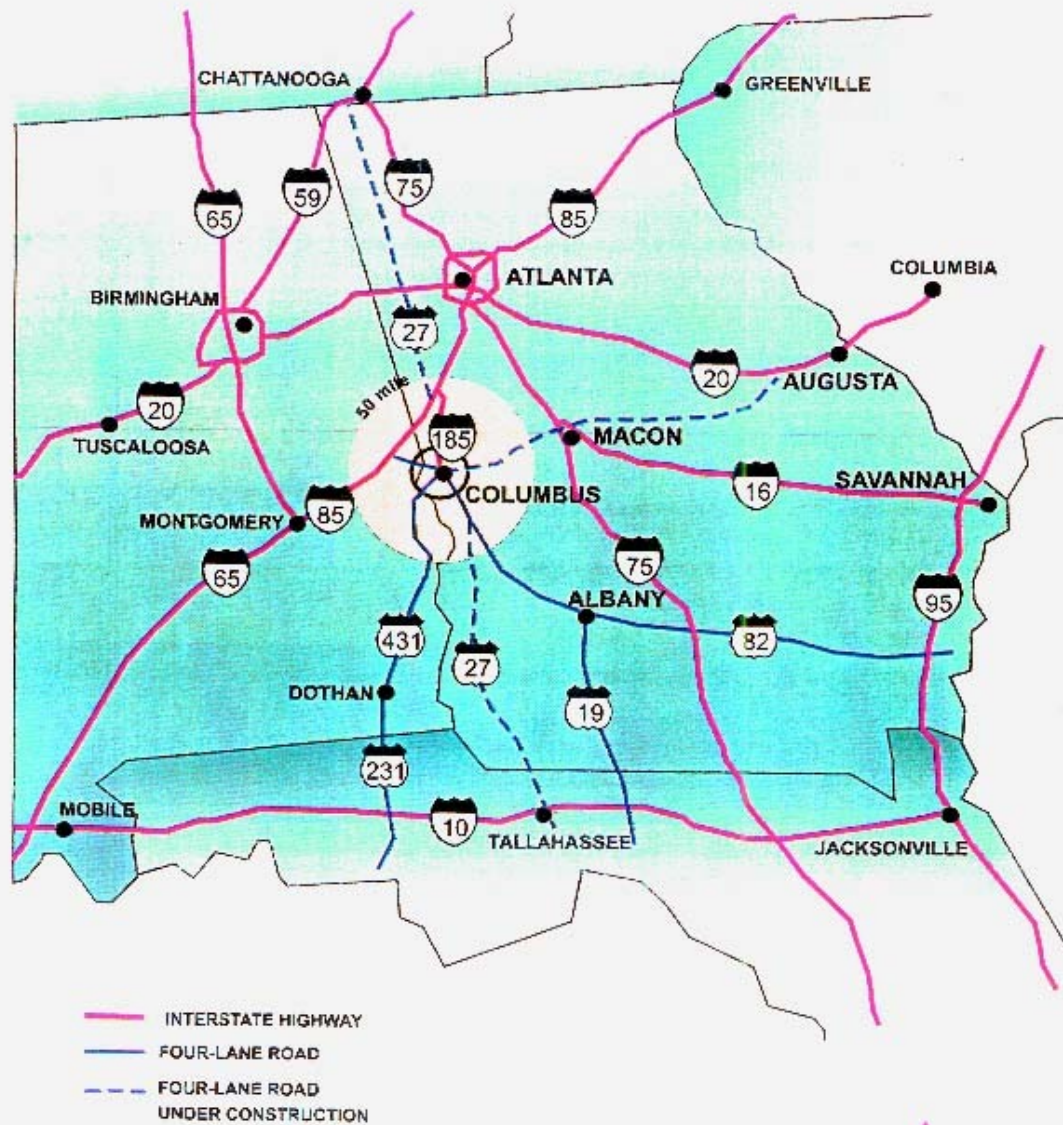


# Regional Transportation Projects

- US Hwy 27 Improvements
- US Hwy 80 Improvements
- Interstate 185 Improvements
- US Hwy 431 Improvements
- Possible Interstate 14 Corridor



## MAJOR ROADS OF GEORGIA



# Community Impact

- 65% married (expect this % to increase) ( $6,000 \times .65 =$ )  
Spouses available for workforce **3,900**
- 1.8 children per family 7,020
  - **75% estimated to be school age (pre K-12)** **5,265**
  - Tour Length 36 + 36 months (Increases Home Purchases)

## **Immediate Impact:**

- Housing capacity - Single Family & Multi Family; 3,800+ families
  - Also need housing for single soldiers, all E-6 NCOs and above (700-800 est)
- Public education capacity - over 5,000 potential new students
- Available workforce increase - 3,500+
- Technical training capacity - 1,500+
- Health care/Dental care capacity
- Transportation System Improvements (GA & AL)
- Infrastructure Expansions (Water/Sewer)(GA & AL)
- Governmental Smart Growth Challenges

# Public Education

- Georgia, Dept of Education & 3 Public Education Systems
  - Muscogee County School District
  - Harris County School System
  - Chattahoochee County School System
- Alabama, Dept of Education coordination pending
  - Lee County School System (Smiths Station)
  - Phenix City School System
  - Russell County School System
- DoDES, Fort Benning
- 20 Private Schools - Capacity validated



# Higher Education

- 6 Colleges & Universities
  - Columbus State University
  - Troy University (Ft. Benning) & Troy University (Phenix City)
  - University of Phoenix
  - Georgia Military College
  - Beacon College
- 3 Technical / Community Colleges
  - Columbus Technical College
  - Chattahoochee Valley Community College
  - Southern Union (Opelika) pending

# Georgia Partnership

- **Gov Perdue's 2005 Assistance:**

- OneGeorgia Planning Grant funds-Study:  
\$44,000
  - To Support JLUS, GA MACC, additional\$25,000
  - Governmental Needs Study - Chattahoochee (TBD)
- Transportation:
  - Advance funding of two Interstate projects that are in TIP (I-185 widening & I-185/Victory Drive interchange)
  - New interchange proposed for (US27 & 8<sup>th</sup> Div Rd)
  - GA 137 Bridge project advanced, Chattahoochee County
- Water & Sewer Projects
  - Chattahoochee County (planning ongoing)
  - Marion County
  - Stewart County
  - Fort Benning-U.S. Army: \$7 Million upgrade 3-05

# Georgia Partnership

- **Gov Perdue's 2005 Assistance (Cont.):**
  - Public Education
    - Muscogee County School District: QBE; Const \$15 million
    - Chattahoochee County School System
    - Harris County School System: Const \$500,000 portable Classrooms
  - Higher Education
    - Columbus State University; Teacher Certification; Law Enforcement Training; Health Care (BSN)
    - Columbus Technical College; Health Care; Construction Sciences/Trades; etc.



# Alabama Partnership

- **Gov Riley has offered assistance - he is being asked for:**
  - Planning funds
  - Transportation Projects  
(Designed to Open land for Residential Development)
    - Possible Hwy 165 Improvement
    - Possible new road from Hwy 165 to Hwy 431
  - Public Education (Schools)
  - Higher Education
    - Troy University - Teachers, etc; Possible Facility Assistance
    - CVCC - Healthcare, Construction, etc.
  - Water & Sewer Projects; Phenix City & Russell County & Smiths Station in Lee County are top priority

# Economic Impact

- Permanent Employment

Direct new Military Jobs	6,000
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- Total Spouses/Children	10,920
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- Full Time Civilian Job increases	TBD
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Direct Job Population Increase	<b>16,920</b>
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Plus Clark Pinnacle Const & Families	3,100
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Indirect Job Creation-minimum	1,500
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MSA Growth by 7.5% + Normal Growth 1.5%

Family Units	3,900
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School Enrollment	5,000+
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Additional Impact – Salaries/Contracts

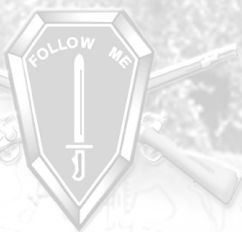
# Fort Benning Growth Summary

as of March 22, 2005

- **MSA Population Growth Summary, with approximate totals:**

- **New Soldiers**      **6,000**
- **Spouses (65% of above)**      **3,900**
- **Children**      **7,000**
- **Construction - Clark Pinnacle**      **2,000**
- **Construction related families** **1,100**
- **Total for Planning**      **20,000**

**Fort Benning estimates that 300 of these soldiers have already been assigned to the installation**



# Fort Benning

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# Fort Benning Futures Partnership

- Questions and Answers